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Serial No. 10/763,431	Filing Date January 22, 2004	Examiner To Be Assigned	Group Art Unit 3732
Inventor(s) Biedermann et al.			
Title of Invention BONE SCREW			

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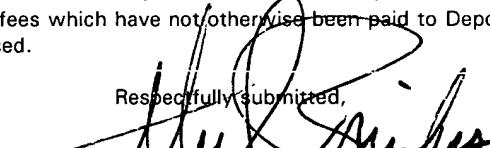
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- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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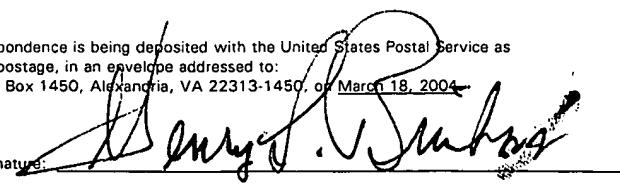
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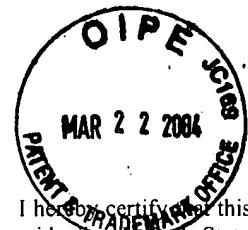
  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Biedermann, et al. )  
Serial No. 10/763,431 ) Group Art Unit No. 3732  
Filing Date: January 22, 2004 )  
For BONE SCREW )  
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## SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6.

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